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NANOOKS CLAIM 9TH RIFLE TITLE

The University of Alaska-Fairbanks Nanook rifle team won their 8th NCAA championship in 9 years. The match, held in at UAF, featured teams from Army, Navy, Jacksonville State, U of Kentucky, U of Nebraska, Texas Christian University, and Murray State.

Over all, this was the Nanooks 9th title, winning in 1994, 1999-2004, 2006 and 2007.

The match was held at UAF after the previous selected venue could not hold the event. The staff at the Patty Center put together a top notch setting, with small bore in the rifle range, and air rifle in the gym. New equipment was purchased including electronic targets and projection equipment that would display the results seconds after each shot. Nearly 1,000 people attended the air rifle match, far exceeding the 200 at last year's championships in Colorado.



Nanooks would keep winning) never materialized. Only 100 serial numbered and 100 unnumbered were struck. We have a couple of each available at \$50 each for the numbered and \$35 for the unnumbered.

As a special bonus, the first order for a serial numbered medal will receive the poster we had in our window advertising the event (shown above). It is really attractive, with a photo of four shooters rendered in black, light blue and dark blue. The poster is printed predominantly blue on white, with some black, and a little red. The size is 17 inches by 11 inches. A great "go-with" for the medal. We will even throw in the newspaper accounts from the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

Please include \$5 for postage per order. You may order additional items without additional postage charges.

Years ago, a booster of the rifle team commissioned the medal to the right to be struck. It notes the first three championships (1994, 1999 and 2000). Unfortunately, there was little interest in the medals at the time, and the projected series (assuming the

EDITOR'S COMMENTS PRICES REALIZED



Above is my only numismatic souvenir from our trip to Florida to visit our daughter, and to expose my pasty white skin to some sun (carefully with SPF50). It is unlisted on the Unrecognized States Numismatic Society web page, but not unknown.

We had a great trip, from Miami (horrendous drivers) down to the Keys (I could get used to that), across Florida on the Tamiami Trail through the Everglades (where I was within 10 feet of stepping on an alligator), up to Ft. Meyers to take in a Red Sox spring training game (Curt Schilling was born in Anchorage!), then up to Venice to see George and Pat Rietzel, continuing on to Sarasota to see Ron and Doris Benice (his new book is nearly ready - no not AK tokens, but Florida banknotes), back over to Miami, back to the Everglades and the Keys, and then home. We crammed a lot in on this trip. If we ever go back, we know what we want to re-do, and what we missed.

I think this is a fun issue. Enjoy. And bid in our auction

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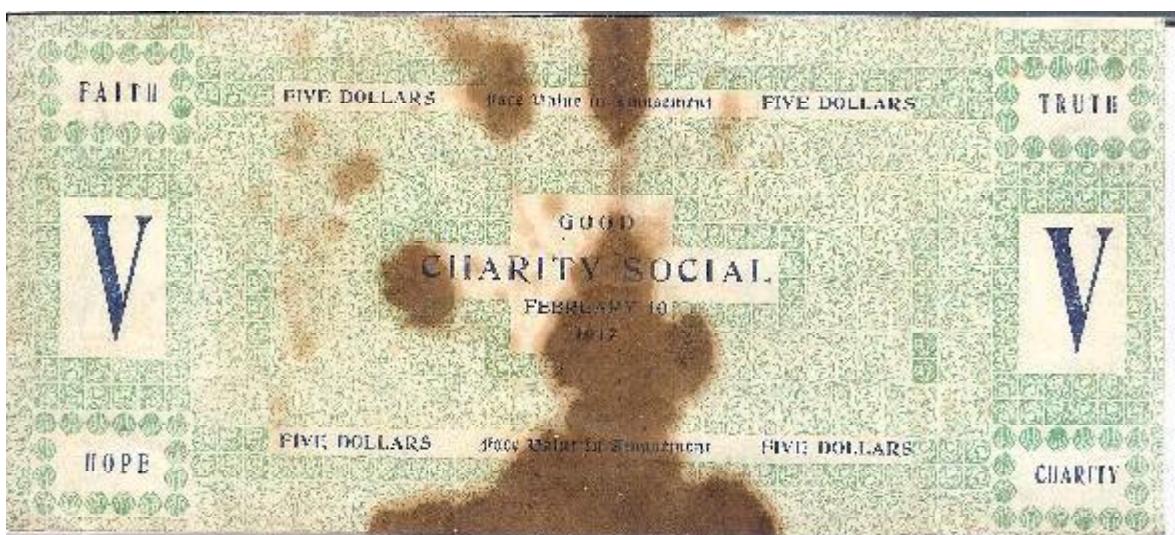
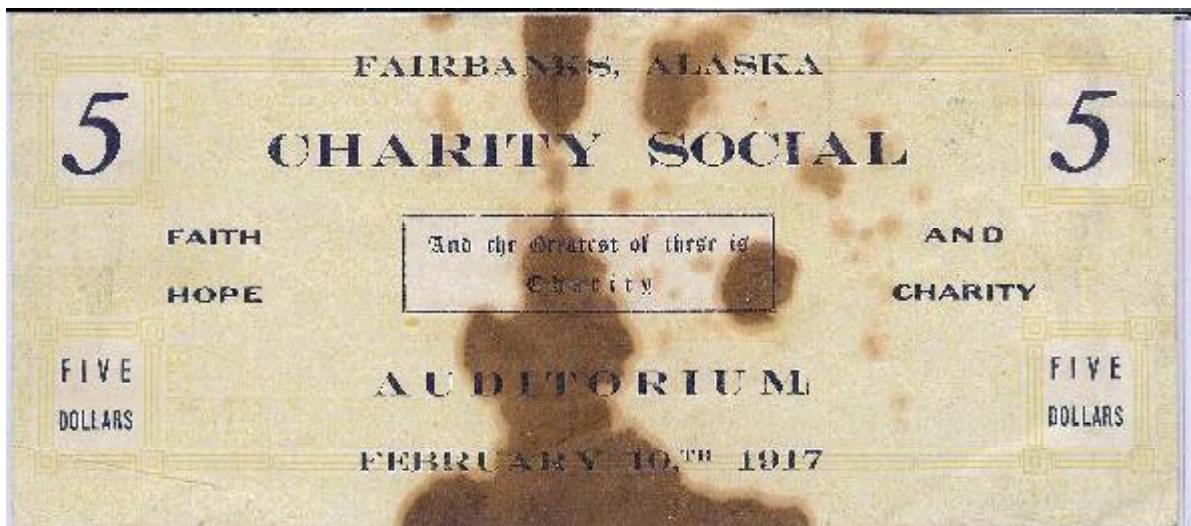
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Douglas , Douglas Cigar Store, 5¢, B-9a	OB95.00NB
Douglas , The Hunter, 12½¢, B-22b	280.00
Fairbanks , Idle Hour Club, 5¢, B-27a	191.38
Fairbanks , Eagle's Lady's Night Scrip	310.50
Fairbanks , Charity Social scrip 1917, \$5 (Goodnews Bay), Rutlader, \$5, B-2d	191.38
Juneau , Arctic Billiard, 6¼¢, B-5a	OB75.00NB
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Juneau , Heidelberg Bar, 6¼¢, B-28a	197.50OB
Juneau , Juneau Billiard Co., 12½¢, B-32a	OB195.00NB
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Juneau , Anita Garnic House encased cent	OB60.00NB
Juneau , Anita Garnic Senate encased cent	OB45.00NB
Ketchikan , Kubley's, 5¢, B-26a (rough)	OB45.00NB
Ketchikan , Masonic Penny, B-61aI	191.38
Ketchikan , Seattle Bar, 5¢, B-57a	355.00
McCarthy , Priesner, 10¢, B-5bII	250.00OB
Nome , Board of Trade, 12½¢, B-8g	150.00OB
(Nome) , Am. Legion Frontier Night \$100	OB150.00NB
Palmer , ARRC, 1¢, B-1a, PCGS MS-62	613.00
Palmer , ARRC, 10¢, B-1c, PCGS MS-62	178.50
Palmer , ARRC, 25¢, B-1d, PCGS AU-58	204.00
Petersburg , Cruz, 10¢, B-1b	174.29
Petersburg , PC&N Pkg. Co., \$1, B-8f	OB250.00NB
Selavik , Rotman, \$1, B-2c	OB150.00NB
Seward , Pioneer Club, 12½¢, B-10aI	25.00OB
Skagway , Monogram, 6¼¢, B-18a	OB125.00NB
Skagway , Day's of '98 scrip	78.99
Talkeetna , B.N., 12½¢, B-1aII	63.00
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Valdez , (Copper Block) Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	175.00OB
Valdez , (Copper Block) Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	OB49.99NB
Valdez , Knight Island, B-11a	24.99OB
Valdez , Seattle Hotel, 12½¢, B-20a	395.00OB
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Alaska Gold , 1898, 1 Pinch, octagonal	OB595.00NB
Alaska Gold , 1897, 1 Pinch, round, solder	OB499.00W
Alaska Gold , 2 TooWah	130.00OB
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PAPER POTPOURRI



FAIRBANKS: Charity Social, Five Dollars, February 10, 1917. Black, or dark blue, lettering. Shown reduced, actual size 184mm by 84mm. The back has what appears to be a green underprint, but all the lettering is on a blank portion. This was the plate note in "Rubles to Statehood" by Fernald and McDowell where the dark portions appear to be missing. In fact, they are only stains (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



YUKON: World War I, Yukon Infantry Company, Dawson. Cap badge. A really neat item from eBay, a bit out of our line, but worthy of mention as it sold for \$711.50!

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MILITARY CHALLENGE COINS



(FT. WAINWRIGHT): 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment. Set of 3: Silver, brass and bronze. Struck by the Alaska Mint. 1 set for \$35; extra brass, \$8



(FT. WAINWRIGHT): 17th Infantry Regiment Association. Blue and white enamel on bronze, all with a plastic coating, 50mm. Two available at \$10 each.

(ALASKA RELATED): Deep Submergence Unit; CNO Proj 251, CH48 Recovery, Ehime Maru, Alaska Air 261. Apparently for a deep water recovery unit, participated in the recovery of Alaska Air 261 crash.



(FT. WAINWRIGHT): 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment. Greenish brass and copper finishes with light blue and white enamel, 44mm. The copper finish also has light blue enamel in the background of the shield, not present on the greenish brass. One set for \$20.

KEFLAVIK, ICELAND: Seabee Ball, 2003. White, blue, black, yellow, orange, and green on bronze.



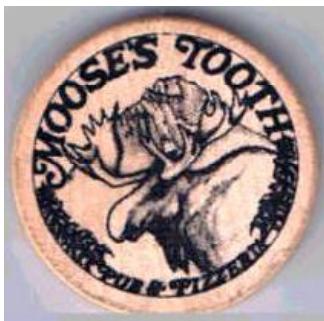
(FT. WAINWRIGHT): 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment. Command Sergeant Majors Coin of Excellence. Blue, white and yellow on bronze, 48.5mm. One available for \$10.

The 1/17 was stationed at Ft. Wainwright and deployed to Iraq with the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team. They have also been posted to Ft. Richardson.

FOR THE RECORD



(ANCHORAGE): The Electronics Company, Dimond Center, \$1 off. Black on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck)



ANCHORAGE: Moose's Tooth Pub and Pizzaria, good for one drink on Vern. Black on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck).



FAIRBANKS: "Play for Players/Fairbanks, Alaska" sticker on silver dollar (submitted by Kaye Dethridge).



JUNEAU: "I've been to the Red Dog Saloon" sticker on silver dollar (submitted by Kaye Dethridge)



JUNEAU: Alaska Seaplanes (Loken Aviation), brass, 32mm.



KETCHIKAN: Raven's Roost, good for a drink. Silver on red plastic, 38mm (submitted by Kaye Dethridge)



ALASKA: Caching the last frontier/Alaska, where you are the cache! White, red and blue on brass, 25mm.



KODIAK: Blairville Laser Station, arcade token. An inexpensive token that is probably common in Kodiak but not anywhere else! Only 2 available. \$3 each plus SASE.



EDMONTON, ALBERTA: Tim Horton's Brier, drink token for the Yukon/NWT curling team. Brass, size not reported.

TIERRA DEL FUEGO GOLD

David Guevara of Rio Grande, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, reports that there are counterfeits of a rare variety of Julio Popper gold tokens appearing in Argentina.



The token above (greatly enlarged to show detail - actual size is 12.1mm) is authentic and resides in Museum of the Bank of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The token below, with the black background is the counterfeit. It appeared in the city of Mar del Plata. The color is a tip that it is not real. The weight of 1 gram is correct.



Mr. Carlos Janson is David's source of information. Mr. Janson is a well known numismatic author. He is working on a book about Popper's coins and dies, which may be available later in 2007.

FRENCH SOUTHERN & ANTARCTIC LANDS



T.A.A.F. is a territory including land on the antarctic continent, and the sub-antarctic island groups of Kerguelen, Crozet, St. Paul and Amsterdam. This privately issued 20 Euro pattern contains $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce of gold and features an emperor penguin and the coat of arms of the territory.

ALASKA GOLD TOKENS



Recently, I purchased more gold from Gold King Creek in the Bonnifield Mining District. I am pleased to report the striking and availability of 5 DWT gold tokens with a "B" counterstamp. I have struck 7 pieces. I have enough for 3 more, or I may choose to make 1 DWT tokens.

Below is a current price list of tokens available, including the new "B" 5 DWT.

1 DWT, Nome "N"	75.00
1 DWT, Fortymile "M"	65.00
5 DWT, Nome "N" (only 1)	275.00
5 DWT, Bonnifield "B"	250.00

Postage is \$5 per order, combine with other items.

GOLDEN WELD MEDALS

The Golden Weld medals were struck to commemo-



rate the final weld on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. These are 24mm, 10kt. and contain .0416 ounces of pure gold. If memory serves me, there were 2,500 minted. In two months, these will be 30 years old! These tend to be scarce and appear infrequently, usually when we purchase estates. They are priced at \$40 each. Postage is \$5 per order, combine with other items for the same postage cost.

ALASKA GOLDRUSH - 2002

We picked up this $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. 2002 Alaska Goldrush medal



the other day. Alaska Mint reports only 500 struck. Only \$250 plus \$5 postage (can combine with other items for one postage charge).

2007 OFFICIAL STATE OF ALASKA SILVER & GOLD MEDALS

This year's state medal features nesting geese. The entire series in proof is shown below, with the silver in the top row and the gold in the bottom. The matte finish (still listed by the Alaska Mint as Proof-like) is shown to the right. Prices for the individual medals are as follows:

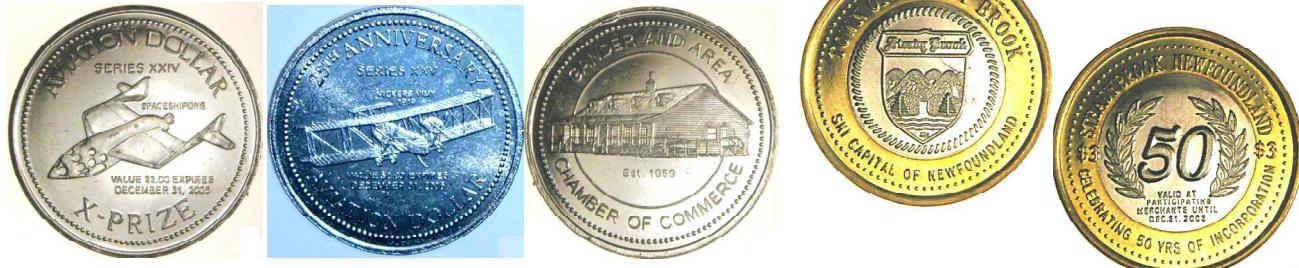
	Silver	Gold
1/20 oz.	8.00	83.00*
1/10 oz.	10.00	130.00*
1/4 oz.	10.00	275.00*
1/2 oz.	20.00	515.00*
1 oz.	69.00	850.00*
1 oz. matte finish	28.50	



*All prices are subject to change without notice. Please call or email for availability. Please include \$5 per order for postage.



NEWFOUNDLAND MUNICIPAL TRADE COINS



GANDER, NFLD: Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce Aviation \$2; 2005-Spaceship One, the X-Prize; 2006-Vickers Vimy 1919. Both nickel bonded steel, 33mm.

STEADY BROOK, NFLD: 50th Anniversary, \$3 trade coin. "Ski Capital of Newfoundland." Bimetal, probably aureate steel ring and nickel bonded steel center, 33mm.

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ALASKA TOKENS

ESTIMATE

229	Alaska Tokens: Anchorage , Anchorage Dairy, 1 Pint, B-7a; Cheechako Tavern, 12½¢, B-11bI. Two tokens, both EF or better.	75.00
230	Alaska Tokens: Bethel , Olsen Bros., set of 3; 25 and 50¢, \$1, B-3. All EF or better	20.00
231	Alaska Tokens: Chatanika , Dempsey Hotel, 25¢, B-3a, light corrosion, small hole; Chichagoff , Chichagoff Club, 12½¢, B-1b, VF; Cordova , Alaskan Hotel, 12½¢, B-2a, AU-BU. 3 pcs.	60.00
232	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Chisholm & Hall, 12½¢, B-12a, VF. A scarce token.	125.00
233	Alaska Token: Fairbanks , Fairview Hotel Pool Hall, 25¢, B-19b, very corroded but readable; Nevada Bar, 5¢, B-37a, AU; Pastime Cigar Store, set of 3; 5¢, 10¢ and 25¢, B-44, all BU; Pioneer Hotel, 25¢, B-45c, EF. 6 tokens.	75.00
234	Alaska Token: (Goodnews Bay) , Joseph H. Rutlader, 1¢ in trade, B-2a. There is no evidence to attribute this token to Goodnews Bay. Recent research indicates that this could be a novelty or fantasy piece. The only factor keeping me from positively stating this is if one were to make this token as a novelty or fantasy, it should be common. This token is far from common. So with this information in mind, bid accordingly.	75.00
235	Alaska Token: Haines , Fred Brouillette, 10¢, B-3a, AU. Scarce token.	100.00
236	Alaska Token: Haines , J.H. Chisel, 5¢, B-4a, AU with luster. Another scarce token from this small SE Alaska town.	150.00
237	Alaska Token: Hawk Inlet , P.E. Harris, 5¢, B-1a. Scarce token. This Hawk Inlet cannery site is now the dock for Greens Creek Mine.	200.00
238	Alaska Tokens: Hoonah , Icy Straits Salmon Co., set of 4; 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1, B-2 a-d. All tokens are AU with luster. A very nice set.	100.00+
239	Alaska Token: Hyder , Northern Pool Hall, 25¢. B-4b, EF. Hyder is a tiny town in SE Alaska with road access to British Columbia!	75.00
240	Alaska Tokens: Juneau , Alaskan Hotel Bar, 6¼¢, B-2aI; Imperial Cigar Store, 6¼¢, B-29a. Two tokens, both VF or better.	30.00
241	Alaska Tokens: Juneau , Imperial Cigar Store, 6¼¢ and 12½¢, B-29 a and b, both AU. Also included is Imperial Pool Parlor, 5¢, B-30a. Three tokens.	60.00
242	Alaska Token: Juneau , Juneau Billiard Co., 15¢, B-32b. This is the first example of this token we have seen. Exceptionally scarce! This piece appears to be a dug token, and very dark with some corrosion. Still worthy of a strong bid.	300.00
243	Alaska Token: Juneau , The Mecca, 6¼¢, B-50b. Very dark with a bit of corrosion. Very Scarce.	100.00
244	Alaska Tokens: Juneau , Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, two types, B-56 a and c, VF and AU respectively.	150.00
245	Alaska Token: Juneau , Diamond S, 6¼¢, B-64a, EF or better. Very scarce token.	125.00
246	Alaska Tokens: Ketchikan , Abercrombie's, 2¢ and 8¢, B-1 a and c, BU and F with corrosion and a cut; The Hub, 25¢, B-19a, EF or better. Three tokens	35.00
247	Alaska Tokens: Kivalina , Reindeer & Trading Co., 5¢, B-1a, AU+; Kobuk , Harry Brown, 50¢, B-1b, VF, little dirty; Kotzebue , Ferguson Stores, 50¢, B-1b, VF; Kwiguk , Alstrom, \$10 red fiber, B-1f, VF. 4 tokens.	40.00
248	Alaska Tokens: Miller House , Miller House Bar, One Drink, B-1a, AU; Nome , Polet Stores, 5¢, B-41b (red fiber), EF; Noorvik , Noorvik Cooperative Store, 10¢, B-1b, EF+. Three tokens.	35.00
249	Alaska Tokens: Quinhagak , Pauline Jean, set of 4: 25¢, 50¢, \$1 and \$5, B-1 a-d, EF or better. An interesting set, the reverse dies are different from any others we have seen. Pauline's husband, Joe Jean issued tokens at Goodnews Bay. Four tokens.	300.00+
250	Alaska Tokens: Selavik , Louis Rotman, set of 3; 25¢, 50¢ and \$1, B-1 a-c, AU or better. Nice set of tokens from a small village. Three tokens.	150.00
251	Alaska Tokens: Seward , The Northern, 12½¢, B-8bI, EF+. Nice pictorial token in native copper. Very popular. This variety does not seem to be as common as others. Also included is a token from Stan's Bar, 75¢ Drink, B-17a, AU. Two tokens.	65.00
252	Alaska Token: Seward , Seward Bar, 12½¢, B-14a, EF. Another copper token, popular.	50.00

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ESTIMATE

253	Alaska Token: Seward , Up & Up, W. Holben, 12½¢, B-18a, VF+ with a few small digs. Scarce piece.	125.00
254	Alaska Tokens: Seward , American Legion Post 5, XXV (25¢), B-1a, EF; Shishmaref , Native Store, 5¢, B-1a, AU; Skagway , Perry Hern, set of 3 6½¢ tokens, B-12a, VG to AU; Teller , Teller Commercial Co., 5¢, B-3aI, BU. Six tokens.	35.00
255	Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Medals . Catalogued by Hibler and Kappen in So-Called Dollars as HK-354, the official medal for the Expo and HK-367, the U.S. Government Building. XF and AU respectively. So-Called Dollars were all the rage in the 1960s, but then fell out of favor for over 40 years. These are now making a serious comeback, as NGC is slabbing any medal that is in the book. Two medals.	60.00+
256	Alaska Bank Ingot . From the Franklin Mint bank ingot series, this ingot is from the defunct Alaska National Bank of Fairbanks and contains 1,000 grains of sterling silver (1.94 oz. pure).	35.00+
257	Alaska Silver Medals by the Franklin Mint. Included are American Flag Raising Site; Alaska Centennial; (2) Land of the Midnight Sun, large and small, the large gold plated; and 1976 Alaska American Revolution Bicentennial. A total of 5 sterling silver medals containing about 4 oz. of pure silver.	60.00
258	Trans-Alaska Pipeline Medal , 1976-M. This medal is #6 in the twelve medal set. This is a "mule," struck with the wrong reverse die. The medals for 1976 have a new reverse die, different from the die used in 1975. The mint inadvertently used the 1975 die for the reverse. Approximately the first 1,400 were struck this way before they started using the new die making this one of the scarcer, if not the rarest medal in the set. No set is complete without it.	50.00+
259	Placer Miners of Alaska, Inc. Silver Medals . Two silver medals with identical designs. However, when these were first minted, the silver were made to the same size specifications as the 1 oz. gold - same diameter and thickness, resulting in a silver medal of only .55 ounces. The second striking were made to normal, 1 oz. silver standards. Both are quite hard to come by. 2 medals.	45.00
260	State of Alaska Medal Set , 1989. This was the inaugural year for the state medal program with four different silver sizes minted from 1/10 to 1 oz. This is a nice proof-like set with the popular Polar Bear design by Doug Linstrand. Four pieces.	90.00
261	¼ Ounce Silver State of Alaska Medals , 1990. Here is an unusual "hoard" of state fractional medals from the second year of the program. The obverse is a walrus, the reverse the mandatory state seal. Alaska Precious Metals (now bankrupt) minted these, with a total mintage of 1,100 being struck. All of these have nicely toned to golds and russets. These early fractionals are tough to find. Current retail is \$10 each. 22 pieces.	150.00-200.00
262	1/10 Ounce Gold State of Alaska Medal , 1990. Only 120 of these were struck depicting a puffin on the obverse. Current 1/10 oz. issues are retailing for \$130.	100.00-150.00
263	Alaska Railroad Proof Medal , 1996. The Alaska Mint first started this series in 1990. For 1996, a caboose was depicted on the obverse, which was a real break from tradition. 1,500 were minted and this is in its original case. Alaska Mint currently lists this for \$90.	60.00-90.00
264	Alaska Railroad Proof Medal , 1997 with original packaging. Again, 1,500 were minted this time with the engine with a front mounted snow blower clearing the tracks. Current list - \$75	50.00-75.00
265	State of Alaska 1/10 oz. Gold Medal , 1998. Only 331 of these were struck depicting a bull moose on the obverse. Comes with all original packaging. The Alaska Mint currently lists these at \$170.	150.00+

ALASKANA

266	Anchorage Fur Rendezvous Pins . Includes: 1980, 1981, 1982, and (2) 1987. Also included is a 1987 Booster Button. Fur Rondy memorabilia has been seriously collected for many years with pins going back to the 1940s. This lot contains some very nice items that currently trend for \$362.00. For an up to date copy of values, go to www.furrondy.net . 6 pieces.	200.00-300.00
267	Ivory Handled Carving Knife and Serving Fork . The handles of these utensils are elephant ivory and carved to depict a billiken. These were made for the Alaska tourist market as late as the 60s, but most likely not made in Alaska. They were also very popular as wedding presents. This pair is nicely done, but the knife shows scratches from sharpening (and it is very sharp).	200.00+
268	Copper Bud Vase . This vase stands about 7 inches high. It has a plaque on the base showing Sitka and Mt. Edgecombe. We are guessing circa 1920s. It has been repaired, and some one with more skill could probably improve upon it.	20.00+
282	Lady's Gold Nugget Watch and Watchband . Made by J.L. Houston. The watch is a Seiko with a gold colored dial and nuggetted case. The band has 14kt backs with a floral design with 3 diamonds on each side which become the flowers. Total diamond weight is 40 pts. with (2) 10 pt. and (4) 5 pt. diamonds. This watch came with an estate so technically is "used" but we found virtually no wear. Even the watch crystal looks new. Current retail on this would be \$1900. The two ends are connected to a new expansion we had put on. This would make a beautiful gift, and is quite elegant, yet dainty.	1,000.00-1,500.00